

ORIGINALDecision No. 61624

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
PASADENA CITY LINES, INC., for an
ex parte order granting authority
to adjust its rates of fare in effect
in present joint fare arrangement
with Los Angeles Metropolitan
Transit Authority.

Application No. 43037

OPINION AND ORDER

Pasadena City Lines, Inc., a California corporation, is a passenger stage corporation with operations within and between the Cities of Pasadena, Arcadia and Monrovia and areas adjacent thereto. For almost twenty years, applicant has had a joint fare arrangement with the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority and its predecessor operators covering interline movements within applicant's local Pasadena zone. The present joint fare is twenty cents cash.

By this application, applicant seeks authority to increase the joint fare to twenty-five cents cash.

Applicant avers that on January 1, 1961, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority increased its fares from twenty cents to twenty-five cents, which means that a passenger originating at a point on the lines of the Transit Authority destined to a point on applicant's lines pays twenty-five cents on boarding the Transit Authority's bus. On a movement in the reverse direction, the passenger pays twenty cents on boarding applicant's bus and an additional five cents when transferring to the Transit Authority's

line. This, it is alleged, results in confusion to the general public.

Applicant estimates that the net annual increase in income as a result of the proposed joint fare increase will be about \$500. Applicant states that for the first eleven months of 1960 it had net earnings of \$11,900 and, that effective November 1, 1960, it was required, under contractual agreement, to pay an additional five cents per hour to its motor coach operators.

The proposed fares affect only transportation within applicant's local Pasadena zone. The City of Pasadena and the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority have been served with a copy of the application. The Commission is not aware of any opposition to the granting of the authority sought.

Upon consideration of all of the facts and circumstances, we find that the proposed increase in joint fares is justified and that a public hearing is not necessary.

Because of the confusion in fares, applicant requests authority to publish the increase on one day's notice. Such emergency treatment is not warranted. Applicant will be authorized to establish the increased joint fares on five days' notice; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That applicant is authorized to establish, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, a joint fare of twenty-five (25) cents as proposed in its application filed in this proceeding.

2. That in addition to the required posting and filing of tariffs, applicant shall give notice to the public by posting in

its buses and terminals a printed explanation of the increase in joint fares. Such notice shall be posted not less than five days before the effective date of the fare change and shall remain posted until not less than ten days after said effective date.

3. That the authority granted herein shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California,
this 7th day of MARCH, 1961.

E. J. [Signature] President
George L. [Signature]
Frederick H. [Signature]
Commissioners